

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Central Railroad Company, the City of Sparta, :
and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation. :

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public :
safety at the crossing of the Company's track with a :
public highway known as Burns Avenue located in :
Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois designated as :
crossing AAR/DOT 294 794W, milepost 589.70-MM. :

T00-0100

ORDER

By the Commission:

On May 16, June 2, August 16 and September 25, 2000, the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("COMMISSION"), the Illinois Department of Transportation ("DEPARTMENT"), the Illinois Central Railroad Company ("COMPANY") and the City of Sparta ("CITY"), respectively, executed the Stipulated Agreement No. 844 according to the provisions of Section 18c-7401 of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law. The Stipulated Agreement, which is appended hereto, provides for safety improvements at the crossing of the Company's track with a public highway known as South Burns Avenue located in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois, designated as crossing DOT 294 794W, milepost 589.70-MM. The Stipulated Agreement contains an estimate of cost to accomplish the improvements and a division of cost among the parties.

The Commission, having given due consideration to the Stipulated Agreement, finds that:

- (1) the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding;
- (2) the physical characteristics of the subject highway - railroad grade crossing, rail and highway volumes and speeds are indicated on Exhibit A of the Stipulated Agreement appended hereto;
- (3) the parties agree that in the interest of public safety the improvements as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto should be performed;
- (4) the cost for the proposed improvements should be divided among the

parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, in accordance with the Law;

- (5) it is fair and reasonable that the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation through the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, the City of Sparta and the Illinois Central Railroad Company be directed to bear their respective portions of the actual cost of the proposed improvements as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms of the Stipulated Agreement executed by the Staff of the Commission, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the City of Sparta, on May 16, June 2, August 16 and September 25, 2000, respectively, be, and they are hereby accepted and required to be met by the aforesaid parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY and the CITY be, and they are, required and directed to proceed immediately in performing its work as set forth in Section 2 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto and shall complete its work within one (1) year from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the cost of making the improvements herein required shall be divided among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, as set forth in Section 5 of the Stipulated Agreement, appended hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all bills for expenditures authorized to be reimbursed from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall be submitted to Mr. Henry Cronister, Illinois Department of Transportation, Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62674. The DEPARTMENT shall submit a copy of all bills the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Division of the COMMISSION. The final bill for expenditures from each party shall be clearly marked "Final Bill". In addition, authorization for reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund shall expire, and the Department shall de-obligate all residual Grade Crossing Protection Fund money, twelve (12) months after the completion date specified in this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY shall file Form 3 of 92 Ill. Adm. Code 1535 of this Commission showing details of the automatic warning devices herein required and shall receive approval thereof by X-Resolution before commencing the work of installation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY and the CITY shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, submit to the Director of Processing and Information, of the Commission's Transportation Division, the name, title, mailing address, phone number and facsimile number of the COMPANY and the CITY employee responsible for management of this project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY shall file a written report with the Director of Processing and Information, of the Commission's Transportation Division, within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of each calendar quarter, stating the status of the billing for Grade Crossing Protection Fund reimbursement for their portion of the project and the percentage of completion of their portion of the project; if any portion of the project is behind schedule, the report must include a brief explanation of the reason(s) for the delay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY shall submit to the Director of Processing and Information, Transportation Division of the Commission within five (5) days of the completion of the work herein required, a National Inventory Update Report Form as a notice of said completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the COMPANY be, and it is hereby required and directed to submit a written notice, to the Director of Processing, Transportation Division of the Commission, of the date the work herein required of it has been completed. Said notice shall be submitted within five (5) days after said completion date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to Section 18c-2201 and 18c-2206 of the Law, this is a final decision subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By Order of the Commission this 21st day of November, 2000.

*Richard P. Mathias*³

Chairman

EXAMINER
SECTION CHIEF <i>MES</i>
<i>[Signature]</i> Supervisor of Orders